

give notice to that effect, unless you send us word
to the contrary. Should any thing prevent your addressing
at that time, you will write me immediately.

Yours respectfully
Leonard Chase

Leonard Chase - Milford, N. H. -

Milford Jan 25th 1839

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

(Ordination)

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Dear Sir -

Since I wrote you in behalf of the Chh. in regard to the Ordination of Rev. A. B. Warner, I have received a letter from Rev. Aaron Warner of Gilmanton, who has been expected to preach the Sermon on the occasion, saying that it was doubtful, in consequence of the health of his family, whether he should be able to be present on that day, & requested that some other one might come prepared to preach in case of his failure.

It was thought best by the committee of the Chh. to write you & request you to come prepared to preach should Mr. Warner fail to come. This, we are sure, will be Mr. A. B. Warner's wish, from conversation with him before he left Town. I would, therefore in behalf of the Commtee, & on the strength of what our Postor elect said when here, respectfully request you to come prepared should the occasion require.

I would just say, on my own responsibility, that the majority of our Chh. & Society; our Abolitionists & also the entire Council; & should your artillery be brought to bear on that point, it would be received with great pleasure, & might reach the ears of many who never would hear on the subject, in public, at least. I do not say this to dictate, by any means, but to make the statement, so that you could shape your discourse embodying that subject, if in your judgment you should think best. We have thought of having an Anti Slavery Convention ^{at that time}, but have concluded not to have it just at present. We shall depend upon your addressing us upon the subject of Slavery on the evening after the Ordination, & we shall